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Accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory process

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission for Social Development acting as preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing recommends to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft decision for adoption by the General Assembly:

Arrangements regarding participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing

The Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

The General Assembly decides:

(a) That representatives from non-governmental organizations accredited to the Second World Assembly on Ageing can make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole;

(b) That, given the available time, a limited number of accredited non-governmental organizations may also make statements in the plenary of the Second World Assembly and that non-governmental organizations should be requested to select their spokespersons among themselves and provide the list thereof to the President of the Second World Assembly, who will present the list of selected non-governmental organizations to Member States in a timely manner for approval, and to ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

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(c) That the above arrangements concerning participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly will in no way create a precedent for any future World Assembly on Ageing;

(d) [That parallel meetings of the Second World Assembly, such as panels and round tables, will be held to allow other non-governmental organizations and other organizations invited by the bureau of the preparatory committee and Second World Assembly to engage in an interactive dialogue as a side event. The chair of the side event may also make a statement to the plenary.]